

REMARKS

This paper is a preliminary amendment that is being filed simultaneous with a Request for the Continued Examination of Serial No. 10/021,988 under 37 CFR 1.114. Prior to this amendment claims 1-21 were pending. After canceling claims 1-21, and adding claims 22-40, claims 22-40 remain pending.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application as amended.

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